(c) the action being taken by Government for rehabilitation of such girls and to make them social and lead a dignified life in the society?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Projects to maintain cultural identity of tribals of Maharashtra

903. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects run by Government to maintain the cultural identity and self-respect of the tribals of Maharashtra, location-wise;

(b) the details of the present status alongwith the outcome of the schemes run by Government and non-Government agencies for the education, health and employment of tribals; and

(c) the legal position about the monopoly of tribals on forest wealth alongwith the incidents denying them entry into the forest?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Performance of Trifed in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh

904. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED);

(b) whether it is operating in the tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the work done, so far, by TRIFED in the tribal areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED) was set up under the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 during 1987, to serve the needs of the tribals and

contribute to the overall development of their living standard. The basic objective of the organization is to organize and plan the growth and development of natural products and their trade on rational, scientific and commercial basis in the interest of the tribal population in the country and to boost up the economic and commercial viability of the TDCCs, FDCs and other State level agencies dealing with procurement, processing and marketing of natural products by providing marketing support to them. TRIFED is an apex level organization having 13 Regional offices across the country. The authorized share capital of TRIFED is Rs. 100.00 crores and the paid up share capital is Rs. 99.99 crores.

(b) and (c) TRIFED commenced its procurement activities in the State during 1989-90 through M/s Girijan Cooperative Corporation. The details of procurements made by TRIFED since 1989-90 are given in the Statement (*See* below). Besides, TRIFED has also sponsored a novel scheme for raising plantation of Gum-Karaya covering 150 hectares of lands at a cost of Rs. 10.52 lakhs to encourage regeneration of Gum-Karaya. The scheme is being implemented by the Forest Department of Andhra Pradesh. As on date an amount of Rs. 7.024 lakhs has been released by TRIFED and an area of 121 hectares has been planted so far in the Districts of Adilabad, Khammam and Visakhapatnam.

TRIFED has also started training programmes for the tribal Gum-Karaya pickers on scientific tapping of the produce and an amount of Rs. 5.13 lakhs has been spent so far.

Statement

Total procurements made by TRIFED in Andhra Pradesh

Year	Quantity (Mts)	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
1989-90	2217.405	133.33
1990-91	416.339	22.43
1991-92	394.08	29.50
1992-93	219.179	60.57

1	2	3
1993-94	0.45	0.05
1994-95	1553.04	197.89
1995-96	15173.99	2892.84
1996-97	2749.47	367.83
1997-98	0.596	0.23
1998-99	2520.12	354.15
1999-2000	9749.28	1047.76
2000-2001	6181.43	751.78
TOTAL	41175.85	5858.38

TISS study on utilisation of funds for SCs/STs in Orissa, Maharashtra and U.P.

905. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) was asked to make a study on the utilization of funds allocated to the programmes related to SCs/STs in the States of Orissa, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) who had entrusted this task to TISS;

(c) whether the TISS has submitted its report; and

(d) if so, the salient features of the report?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has entrusted an evaluation study of Central Scheme of Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes in Karnataka, Gujarat, Goa and Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) Draft report has been received by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and the organization has been asked to revise the draft report.